

To the Selectmen of the Town of

} Ipswich 15th April 1778
Gent^{rs}

In consequence of a Letter re-
- ceived from the Selectmen of the Town of Newburyport
requesting a County Convention to be holden at Ipswich
at the House of M^r Treadwell - Delegates from the
Towns of Salem Danvers Ipswich Newburyport
Lynn Gloucester Topsfield Manchester & Methuen,
met at the time & place proposed, when considering
that a Majority of the Towns in the County did not
appear by their Delegates chosen for that purpose
as requested, it was determined by Vote that the Con-
- vention should be adjourned to Wednesday ^{at nine o' Clock forenoon} the twenty
ninth day of April Ins^t at the same place -

The Gentlemen who met upon conferring with
each other supposed the Motives for calling such a
Convention were of great Importance - for tho'
they imagined when the Wisdom of the County
should be collected, it might not be thought ex-
- pedient to adopt any new Form of Government
at present, yet if a new Form must be adopt-
- ed, it ought to be upon the principles of equal
Liberty - & by some it was supposed, reasonable &c.

Exceptions ^{would} ~~might~~ lay, not only against the Mode of
Representation, ~~in the lower House~~ but also against
the Election of Senators, & perhaps some other Parts
of the proposed Constitution. And apprehending
the Motives ~~beforementioned~~ might not have been
sufficiently understood or attended to by those Towns
who did not appear by their Delegates, they ^{therefore} earnestly
-ly desire the general Attendance of the Towns
at the Adjournment —